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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Senate met at 5:00 p.m., and was called to order by Mr. Speaker McNally.

**PRAYER**

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Pastor Clifford Walker of The Calvary Church in Jackson, Tennessee, a guest of Senator Jackson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Senator Jackson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF TENNESSEE**

Senator Jackson led the Senate in the Salute to the Flag of Tennessee.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll call was taken with the following results:

Present . . . . . 32

Senators present were: Akbari, Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Gilmore, Gresham, Haile, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Pody, Powers, Reeves, Roberts, Rose, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Watson, White, Yager, Yarbrow and Mr. Speaker McNally--32.

**MOTION**

Senator Johnson moved, pursuant to Rule 32 and Article II, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, **Senate Bills Nos. 2023 through 2080** be passed on first consideration, which motion prevailed.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

The Speaker announced the following bills were filed for introduction and passed first consideration:

**Senate Bill No. 2023** by Senator Haile.

General Assembly, Directed Studies -- As introduced, creates the Tennessee Child Care Advisory Panel. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 49 and Title 71.

**Senate Bill No. 2024** by Senator Akbari.

Education, Dept. of -- Requires the department, instead of local boards of education, to develop a water testing program to reduce potential lead contamination in drinking water in public schools; adds child care programs to those required to implement the water testing program; changes from

20 to 15 parts per billion the lead level by which a school or child care program is required to take certain protective and remedial steps under the program. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 2.

**Senate Bill No. 2025** by Senator Akbari.

Teachers, Principals and School Personnel -- As introduced, prohibits a public school, public charter school, LEA, local board of education, or charter school governing body from requiring a teacher to be on duty more than one hour per week outside of the required workday established by the local board of education or charter school governing body, except in the event of extraordinary circumstances approved by the principal. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 13 and Title 49, Chapter 6.

**Senate Bill No. 2026** by Senator Akbari.

Driver Licenses -- As introduced, requires at least one driver license testing station that conducts commercial driver license (CDL) tests to be located in each grand division of the state. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 50.

**Senate Bill No. 2027** by Senator Akbari.

Textbooks -- As introduced, requires a school or LEA to issue required textbooks to all students; requires the director of schools to certify to the commissioner of education by October 15 of each year that all students have been issued all required textbooks. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 6.

**Senate Bill No. 2028** by Senator Akbari.

Education -- As introduced, deletes the school improvement fund created in the Tennessee Education Savings Account Pilot Program to disburse school improvement grants to certain LEAs; creates a teacher salaries fund to disburse annual grants to LEAs with students participating in the Tennessee Education Savings Account Pilot Program to be used for teacher salaries. Amends TCA Title 49.

**Senate Bill No. 2029** by Senator Rose.

Contractors -- As introduced, authorizes owners of real property to construct certain residential buildings on that property without obtaining a contractor license; requires notice of such construction to be made to the board for licensing contractors, the register of deeds, and subsequent purchasers of the property. Amends TCA Title 13; Title 62, Chapter 6 and Title 66.

**Senate Bill No. 2030** by Senator Rose.

Taxes, Sales -- As introduced, opens eligibility to vote in a referendum on the levy of a local option sales tax by a county to all voters in the county, including city residents, even if the proposed levy is equal to or below the current tax levied in the city. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 7.

**Senate Bill No. 2031** by Senator Rose.

Education, Higher -- As introduced, adds William R. Moore College of Technology as an eligible institution for receipt of the Tennessee reconnect and dual enrollment grants. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4.

**Senate Bill No. 2032** by Senator Rose.

Child Custody and Support -- As introduced, requires that a 30-minute video on adverse childhood experiences be shown to parents attending the parent educational seminar. Amends TCA Title 36, Chapter 6.

**Senate Bill No. 2033** by Senator Rose.

Local Education Agencies -- As introduced, requires, in addition to the United States flag, that the official Tennessee state flag to be displayed on every public school building in this state; requires the commissioner of education to specify the size and quality of the official Tennessee state flags that school districts may purchase and to prescribe rules for the proper care, display, and observance of the official Tennessee state flag. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6.

**Senate Bill No. 2034** by Senator Hensley.

Health Care -- As introduced, removes obsolete language describing a polysomnographic professional standards committee that met annually from 2007-2010 to allow public discussion of new developments in the practice of polysomnography. Amends TCA Title 63.

**Senate Bill No. 2035** by Senator Hensley.

Education -- As introduced, outlines workload considerations for the state board of education when establishing the maximum class size and caseload standards for instructional personnel and teachers having primary responsibility for a student's individualized education program (IEP) or a classroom that includes students with disabilities or students eligible for special education services; establishes workload calculations for purposes of an LEA's request for a waiver from mandatory maximum class sizes, average class sizes, or caseload standards. Amends TCA Title 49.

**Senate Bill No. 2036** by Senator Hensley.

Sexual Offenders -- As introduced, requires that a court determine that a sexual offender presents a danger of substantial harm to a child prior to prohibiting the sexual offender from conducting an overnight visit at a residence in which the offender's child resides or is present. Amends TCA Title 36 and Section 40-39-211.

**Senate Bill No. 2037** by Senator Hensley.

Education, State Board of -- As introduced, requires the state board to develop and adopt guidelines and criteria for the annual evaluation of local education agency officials who possess a license or certificate provided by the state board. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6.

**Senate Bill No. 2038** by Senator Hensley.

Anatomical Gifts -- As introduced, prohibits a procurement organization from procuring a body, or any part of a body, that a medical examiner is required by law to inspect until the medical examiner inspects the body and provides the procurement organization with written documentation that the inspection is complete. Amends TCA Title 8; Title 11; Title 38 and Title 68.

**Senate Bill No. 2039** by Senator Hensley.

Interstate Compacts -- As introduced, enacts the Solemn Covenant of the States to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases compact. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71.

**Senate Bill No. 2040** by Senator Haile.

Children -- As introduced, changes the time period for an LEA to provide proof of a child's graduation from high school to the department of human services, the department's contractor, or either of the child's parents from within 20 business days to within 10 business days of a written request. Amends TCA Title 36 and Title 37.

**Senate Bill No. 2041** by Senator Gilmore.

Contractors -- As introduced, allows a county, municipality, or school board to require a contractor to bond their subcontractor in order to ensure contractors of the subcontractor receive fair compensation for work completed. Amends TCA Title 12; Title 50, Chapter 2 and Title 62, Chapter 6.

**Senate Bill No. 2042** by Senator Gilmore.

Criminal Offenses -- As introduced, creates an offense of using force or coercion to cause a person to join a criminal gang against the person's will; sets penalty based on the age of the victim. Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 40.

**Senate Bill No. 2043** by Senator Gilmore.

Children's Services, Dept. of -- As introduced, requires the department to publish the guidelines for the best practices for identifying and reporting signs of child abuse, child sexual abuse, and human trafficking in which the victim is a child on the department's website. Amends TCA Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 71.

**Senate Bill No. 2044** by Senator Yager.

County Government -- As introduced, clarifies that a charter commission member's term of office ends the shorter of two years from the date of election or the date a proposed charter is filed with the county election commission for purposes of filing statements of interest. Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 1; Title 5, Chapter 1, Part 2; Title 7, Chapter 2 and Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 5.

**Senate Bill No. 2045** by Senator Yager.

Wine & Wineries -- As introduced, prohibits the levy of privilege taxes on wine sold for consumption on the premises at any winery, farm wine producer, or satellite facility. Amends TCA Section 57-3-207.

**Senate Bill No. 2046** by Senator Yarbro.

Finance and Administration, Dept. of -- As introduced, creates the Tennessee violence intervention program within the department's office of criminal justice programs to invest in evidence-based violence reduction initiatives. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 38, Chapter 6; Title 39 and Title 40.

**Senate Bill No. 2047** by Senator Yarbro.

TennCare -- As introduced, enacts the "Close the Tennessee Medicare Coverage Gap Act," which requires the bureau to establish an alternative benefit plan consistent with federal requirements through which certain individuals between 19 and 65 years of age will receive benefits if not presently covered by TennCare. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 33; Title 56 and Title 71.

**Senate Bill No. 2048** by Senator Yarbro.

TennCare -- As introduced, expands the role of the office of inspector general to include an independent, nonpartisan office with the responsibility of ensuring that state officials and state employees meet the highest standards for integrity, efficiency, and accountability. Amends TCA Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 25.

**Senate Bill No. 2049** by Senator Niceley.

Food and Food Products -- As introduced, establishes standards for proper branding of meat and poultry as "Tennessee-raised" for purposes of the Tennessee Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Amends TCA Title 44 and Title 53.

**Senate Bill No. 2050** by Senator Niceley.

Food and Food Products -- As introduced, revises the state meat and poultry inspection program to enable the state to operate the program instead of the federal government. Amends TCA Title 10, Chapter 7; Title 29; Title 39; Title 43; Title 44 and Title 53.

**Senate Bill No. 2051** by Senator Niceley.

Advertising -- As introduced, requires the commissioner of transportation to seek federal approval to allow the issuance of billboard permits on agricultural land on the same terms that apply for industrial and commercial land. Amends TCA Title 43; Title 54, Chapter 17 and Title 54, Chapter 21.

**Senate Bill No. 2052** by Senator Niceley.

Food and Food Products -- As introduced, specifies that state food safety laws do not require persons licensed as custom meat processors who process any amenable species to comply with federal regulations promulgated under the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for good manufacturing, hazard analysis, and risk-based preventive controls. Amends TCA Title 44 and Title 53.

**Senate Bill No. 2053** by Senator Niceley.

Law Enforcement -- As introduced, prohibits the use of state or local government funds, personnel, or property to enforce federal requirements concerning the ownership, use, or possession of chickens, if the federal requirements conflict with state law, common law, or the state constitution. Amends TCA Title 38; Title 39; Title 43 and Title 44.

**Senate Bill No. 2054** by Senator Niceley.

Criminal Offenses -- As introduced, creates a criminal offense for an owner of a dangerous dog to not have a valid policy of insurance insuring the owner against liability for injuries inflicted by the dog; authorizes a law enforcement officer to, without a warrant, request a person to provide proof of the insurance requirement or be subject to arrest. Amends TCA Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 44 and Title 56.

**Senate Bill No. 2055** by Senator Niceley.

Federal Aid -- As introduced, requires approval of the general assembly, by joint resolution, prior to a state agency entering into, or renewing, a contract or other agreement for the receipt of federal block grant funds. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 9.

**Senate Bill No. 2056** by Senator Niceley.

Transportation, Dept. of -- As introduced, requires the department to offer a former property owner of real property obtained through eminent domain the ability to repurchase the property at the price paid to the former owner if the department has not used the property in the previous 20 years. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 12; Title 29 and Title 54.

**Senate Bill No. 2057** by Senator Niceley.

Education -- As introduced, decreases from 30 to 20 the number of days in which a local board of education must provide a copy of the minutes from each meeting of the board to the president of the local education association. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 44; Title 10, Chapter 7 and Title 49.

**Senate Bill No. 2058** by Senator Niceley.

Eminent Domain -- As introduced, revises the definition of "blighted area" for purposes of redevelopment projects by housing authorities. Amends TCA Title 13, Chapter 20; Title 13, Chapter 21 and Title 29, Chapter 17.

**Senate Bill No. 2059** by Senator Niceley.

Tobacco, Tobacco Products -- As introduced, specifies that rolled hemp is not a cigarette and hemp is not a substitute for tobacco for purposes of clarifying that such products are not subject to the tobacco tax. Amends TCA Title 43, Chapter 27 and Title 67, Chapter 4.

**Senate Bill No. 2060** by Senator White.

Budget Procedures -- As introduced, changes, from five days to five business days, the amount of time after the county's proposed annual operating budget must be published by the county commission in a newspaper of general circulation; changes, from 10 days to 10 business days, the amount of time the county's proposed annual operating budget must be published in a newspaper of general circulation before the budget's final adoption by the county commission. Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9 and Title 49.

**Senate Bill No. 2061** by Senator White.

Basic Education Program (BEP) -- As introduced, increases the number of BEP funded full-time public school nurse positions from one for every 3,000 students to one for every 2,500 students. Amends TCA Title 49 and Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 12.

**Senate Bill No. 2062** by Senator White.

Criminal Offenses -- As introduced, creates the offense of mail theft, which is intentionally obtaining mail from another person's mailbox or premises without the consent of the addressee and with the intent to deprive the addressee of the mail. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 14.

**Senate Bill No. 2063** by Senator White.

Basic Education Program (BEP) -- As introduced, changes, from November 1 to November 15, the date by which the BEP review committee must provide its annual report on the BEP. Amends TCA Title 49.

**Senate Bill No. 2064** by Senator White.

Pensions and Retirement Benefits -- As introduced, authorizes a department of correction officer who is a member of the state retirement system to retire under the state retirement system upon completion of 25 years of creditable service. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 36.

**Senate Bill No. 2065** by Senator Gardenhire.

Railroads -- As introduced, directs TACIR to study the cost, feasibility, and infrastructure of expanding railroad passenger service in this state through the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, doing business as Amtrak. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 10; Title 4, Chapter 23; Title 64 and Title 65.

**Senate Bill No. 2066** by Senator Lundberg.

Firearms and Ammunition -- As introduced, allows an elected official of any county or municipality in the actual discharge of official duties who has a valid handgun carry permit to carry inside a building in which judicial proceedings are in progress, but not in the room in which judicial proceedings are in progress; allows the county attorney in the actual discharge of official duties who has a valid handgun carry permit to carry inside a building in which judicial proceedings are in progress, but not in the room in which judicial proceedings are in progress. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13.

**Senate Bill No. 2067** by Senator Pody.



Adoption -- As introduced, requires the department of children's services to post on its website rules promulgated to facilitate the implementation of the advance notice system that enables an eligible person to request the department to provide advance notification prior to the release of adoption records, sealed records, sealed adoption records, post-adoption records, or any such records or papers. Amends TCA Title 36.

**Senate Bill No. 2068** by Senator Pody.

General Assembly -- As introduced, creates the commission on responsible fatherhood. Amends TCA Title 3 and Title 4, Chapter 29.

**Senate Bill No. 2069** by Senator Pody.

Local Government, General -- As introduced, authorizes local governments to take special censuses that include unborn children; requires that any state funds distributed and allocated to local governments based on population use such special census figures. Amends TCA Title 2; Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 16; Title 54; Title 57 and Title 67.

**Senate Bill No. 2070** by Senator Pody.

Abortion -- As introduced, increases from three to four years the period for which a funeral director, person in charge of an institution, or other person making final disposition of a dead fetus must retain a copy of the mother's authorization for disposition if the death of the fetus was the result of a surgical abortion. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 9; Title 10; Title 37; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71.

**Senate Bill No. 2071** by Senator Pody.

County Government -- As introduced, authorizes a county to forgo the automatic compensation increase for county officers if the department of economic and community development determines that the county experienced substantial characteristics of economic distress in the preceding fiscal year. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 24.

**Senate Bill No. 2072** by Senator Pody.

County Officers -- As introduced, prohibits a constable from exercising law enforcement powers and authority if the constable fails to complete currently required in-service education; creates a Class C misdemeanor, subject to fine of \$50, for a constable violating this prohibition; stipulates that each day of a violation constitutes a separate offense. Amends TCA Title 1; Title 2; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 12; Title 16; Title 25; Title 26; Title 29; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 47; Title 49; Title 53; Title 55; Title 57; Title 62; Title 65; Title 66; Title 67; Title 70 and Title 71.

**Senate Bill No. 2073** by Senator Pody.

Public Records -- As introduced, revises provisions governing confidentiality of certain audit-related documents held by the comptroller. Amends TCA Title 10.

**Senate Bill No. 2074** by Senator Pody.

Boards and Commissions -- As introduced, allows certain entities to use up to 10 percent of the entities' reserve fund if the entity has a deficit for the fiscal year. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 9.

**Senate Bill No. 2075** by Senator Pody.

Banks and Financial Institutions -- As introduced, classifies a money transmission originating in this state to a location outside of the United States or its territories as a service transaction subject to the sales and use tax. Amends TCA Title 38; Title 45, Chapter 7; Title 49 and Title 67, Chapter 6.

**Senate Bill No. 2076** by Senator Pody.

Traffic Safety -- As introduced, clarifies that the present law requiring drivers of motorcycles to wear a helmet applies to drivers of autocycles that are not fully enclosed. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 3.

**Senate Bill No. 2077** by Senator Pody.

Education -- As introduced, requires elementary and secondary schools that receive public funding to ensure that student athletes participate in school-sanctioned sports based on the student's biological sex as indicated on certificate issued at time of birth; provides for the cessation and restoration of the school's public funding; establishes a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000; requires a public official to vacate the official's office for taking certain actions contrary to the intent of the law. Amends TCA Title 49.

**Senate Bill No. 2078** by Senator Yager.

TennCare -- As introduced, requires ambulance providers to submit an annual cost and utilization report to the bureau; authorizes the bureau, instead of the comptroller, to assess certain penalties for failure of providers to submit reports. Amends TCA Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 15.

**Senate Bill No. 2079** by Senator Reeves.

Tobacco, Tobacco Products -- As introduced, increases age of persons allowed to use tobacco and smoking hemp products from 18 years of age to 21 years of age; requires licensure for the retail sale of tobacco products; levies a tax on electronic smoking device cartridges. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 29; Title 39, Chapter 17; Title 39, Chapter 15; Title 43; Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 10 and Title 68.

**Senate Bill No. 2080** by Senator Hensley.

Sexual Offenders -- As introduced, makes various changes to the penalties for violating requirements of the sexual offender registry, including increasing the penalty for engaging in activities that cause the offender to be in direct contact with a minor from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony. Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 39, Part 2.

**MOTION**

Senator Johnson moved, pursuant to Rule 33 and Article II, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, that **Senate Bills Nos. 1938 through 2022** be passed on second consideration and be referred to the appropriate committees or held on the Clerk's desk, which motion prevailed.

**SENATE BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The Speaker announced the following bills passed second consideration and were referred to the appropriate committees or held on the Clerk's desk:

**Senate Bill No. 1938** referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**Senate Bill No. 1939** referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 1940** referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**Senate Bill No. 1941** referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.



**Senate Bill No. 1942** referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 1943** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 1944** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 1945** referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1946** referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 1947** referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 1948** referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means.

**Senate Bill No. 1949** referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means.

**Senate Bill No. 1950** Local bill -- held on desk.

**Senate Bill No. 1951** referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means.

**Senate Bill No. 1952** referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**Senate Bill No. 1953** referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 1954** referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 1955** referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**Senate Bill No. 1956** referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1957** referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1958** referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1959** referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**Senate Bill No. 1960** referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**Senate Bill No. 1961** referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1962** referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 1963** referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1964** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 1965** referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 1966** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 1967** referred to the Committee on Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**Senate Bill No. 1968** referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means.

**Senate Bill No. 1969** referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 1970** referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 1971** referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 1972** referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 1973** referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 1974** referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1975** referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 1976** referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 1977** referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1978** referred to the Committee on Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**Senate Bill No. 1979** referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means.

**Senate Bill No. 1980** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 1981** referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means.

**Senate Bill No. 1982** referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 1983** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 1984** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 1985** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 1986** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 1987** referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 1988** referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1989** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 1990** referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 1991** referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 1992** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 1993** referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1994** referred to the Committee on Transportation and Safety.

**Senate Bill No. 1995** referred to the Committee on Transportation and Safety.

**Senate Bill No. 1996** referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1997** referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**Senate Bill No. 1998** referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1999** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2000** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2001** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2002** referred to the Committee on Transportation and Safety.

**Senate Bill No. 2003** referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2004** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2005** referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2006** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2007** referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**Senate Bill No. 2008** referred to the Committee on Transportation and Safety.

**Senate Bill No. 2009** referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

**Senate Bill No. 2010** referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2011** referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2012** referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2013** referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2014** referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means.

**Senate Bill No. 2015** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2016** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2017** referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**Senate Bill No. 2018** referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2019** referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2020** referred to the Committee on Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**Senate Bill No. 2021** referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2022** referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

### **MOTION**

Senator Johnson moved, pursuant to Rule 21, **Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 836 through 847**; and **Senate Resolutions Nos. 97 through 119** be passed on first consideration and lie over, which motion prevailed.

### **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

The Speaker announced the following resolutions were filed for introduction. Pursuant to Rule 21, the resolutions lie over.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 836** by Senator Bowling.

General Assembly, Review Or Ratification of Rules -- Ratifies the increase of the 911 surcharge rate to \$1.50 as approved by the Tennessee Emergency Communications Board.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 837** by Senator Akbari.

Memorials, Recognition -- Maxine Smith STEAM Academy, National Blue Ribbon School.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 838** by Senator Akbari.

Memorials, Death -- Senator Reginald Tate.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 839** by Senator Akbari.

Memorials, Recognition -- 25th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as national day of service.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 840** by Senator Niceley.

General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Frank Cagle, Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 841** by Senator Niceley.

General Assembly, Statement of Intent or Position -- Expresses support for the Weston A. Price Foundation's "50% Pledge" campaign.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 842** by Senator Gresham.

Memorials, Retirement -- Darrell Ailshie.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 843** by Senator Gresham.  
Memorials, Death -- Bertha Sipes Vaughan.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 844** by Senator Gresham.  
Memorials, Death -- Bonnie Johnson Morris.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 845** by Senator Gresham.  
Memorials, Death -- Ruth Moore.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 846** by Senator Gresham.  
Memorials, Death -- Reuben Scott "Rube" Rhea, Jr.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 847** by Senator Gresham.  
Memorials, Death -- Betty Elizabeth Beasley.

**Senate Resolution No. 97** by Senator Akbari.  
Memorials, Recognition -- Stax Music Academy, 20th anniversary.

**Senate Resolution No. 98** by Senator Dickerson.  
Memorials, Death -- Ronald Fritts "Ronnie" Pratt.

**Senate Resolution No. 99** by Senator Niceley.  
Memorials, Recognition -- O'Neil Greene, Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

**Senate Resolution No. 100** by Senator Niceley.  
Memorials, Recognition -- Sherri Hoskins, Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

**Senate Resolution No. 101** by Senator Niceley.  
Memorials, Recognition -- Laura Grace Jenkins, Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

**Senate Resolution No. 102** by Senator Niceley.  
Memorials, Recognition -- Molly Shockley, Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

**Senate Resolution No. 103** by Senator Niceley.  
Memorials, Recognition -- Cayla Smith, Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

**Senate Resolution No. 104** by Senator Niceley.  
Memorials, Recognition -- Neely Yates, Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

**Senate Resolution No. 105** by Senator Niceley.  
Memorials, Recognition -- Lisa Cabbage, Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

**Senate Resolution No. 106** by Senator Niceley.  
Memorials, Recognition -- Herb Davidson, Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

**Senate Resolution No. 107** by Senator Gresham.  
Memorials, Death -- Bronda Endress.

**Senate Resolution No. 108** by Senator Gresham.

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Memorials, Death -- Henry Cannon.

**Senate Resolution No. 109** by Senator Gresham.

Memorials, Professional Achievement -- Sandra Humphreys, 2020 Curriculum Associates Extraordinary Educator.

**Senate Resolution No. 110** by Senator Gresham.

Memorials, Professional Achievement -- Kyle Cantrell, 2020 Curriculum Associates Extraordinary Educator.

**Senate Resolution No. 111** by Senator Gresham.

Memorials, Death -- Brigitte Louise Jacobson.

**Senate Resolution No. 112** by Senator Gresham.

Memorials, Death -- Don Edwin Moore.

**Senate Resolution No. 113** by Senator Gresham.

Memorials, Death -- Johnny Edward Helton.

**Senate Resolution No. 114** by Senator Gresham.

Memorials, Death -- Robert Moses.

**Senate Resolution No. 115** by Senator Bailey.

Memorials, Retirement -- Jim Mastera, Cookeville Fire Department.

**Senate Resolution No. 116** by Senator Gresham.

Memorials, Death -- Myles Leifer.

**Senate Resolution No. 117** by Senator Pody.

Memorials, Death -- Lloyd Edward Gayle, Jr.

**Senate Resolution No. 118** by Senator Gresham.

Memorials, Death -- Robbie JoAnn Sibley Shelton.

**Senate Resolution No. 119** by Senator Gresham.

Memorials, Death -- Shiela Ann Yarbrough Meek.

## **MOTION**

Senator Johnson moved, pursuant to Rule 21, **House Joint Resolutions Nos. 753 through 768, 770 through 772, 774 through 777, 780 and 781**; and **Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 833 through 835**; and **Senate Resolution No. 95** lie over and be referred to the appropriate committees or held on the Clerk's desk, which motion prevailed.

## **RESOLUTIONS LYING OVER**

The Speaker announced the following resolutions passed second consideration and were referred to the appropriate committees or held on the desk, pursuant to Rule 21:



**House Joint Resolution No. 753** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Dr. John Clark Donaldson, Clay County Sports Hall of Fame.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 753 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 754** -- Memorials, Death -- Wardean Perdue.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 754 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 755** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Kenny Garrett, Clay County Sports Hall of Fame.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 755 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 756** -- Memorials, Death -- Troy Davis Barber.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 756 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 757** -- Memorials, Death -- Cletis Edward Beason.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 757 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 758** -- Memorials, Death -- Terry Bennett Hudson.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 758 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 759** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Deanna Donaldson Pouliot, Clay County Sports Hall of Fame.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 759 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 760** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Saylor Walden, Clay County Sports Hall of Fame.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 760 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 761** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Gary J. Strong, Clay County Sports Hall of Fame.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 761 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 762** -- Memorials, Sports -- Rick Shoulders, TSSAA Distinguished Service Award.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 762 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 763** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Tammy and Randall Bray.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 763 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 764** -- Memorials, Professional Achievement -- Philip Gibbons, Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 764 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 765** -- Memorials, Sports -- Austin Peay State University football team, Ohio Valley Conference Champions.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 765 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 766** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Korean American Association of Clarksville, New Year's Day celebration.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 766 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 767** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Dawson Davidson.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 767 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 768** -- Memorials, Recognition -- John Allen.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 768 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 770** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Rodney Atkins.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 770 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 771** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Sharon Stubbefield, Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 771 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 772** -- Memorials, Recognition -- University of Tennessee Spirit program.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 772 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 774** -- Memorials, Death -- Kobe Bryant.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 774 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 775** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Bessie Smith Cultural Center.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 775 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 776** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Aidan Flynn, Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 776 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 777** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Billy Jay "B.J." Blankenship, Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 777 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 780** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Clarkrange JROTC Raiders, 2019 All-Service Raider National Champions.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 780 to the Committee on Calendar.

**House Joint Resolution No. 781** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Debbie Ament de Nunez, Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 781 to the Committee on Calendar.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 833** -- Memorials, Public Service -- Gabe Roberts.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 833 to the Committee on Calendar.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 834** -- Memorials, Death -- Billy G. Kelley.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 834 to the Committee on Calendar.

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**Senate Joint Resolution No. 835** -- Naming and Designating -- "Certified Government Financial Manager Month," March 2020.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 835 to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senate Resolution No. 95** -- General Assembly, Statement of Intent or Position -- Expresses support for the deregulation of the glider manufacturing industry in this state.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Resolution No. 95 to the Committee on Transportation and Safety.

### **MOTION**

Senator Powers moved that Rule 37 be suspended for the immediate consideration of **House Joint Resolution No. 766**, out of order, which motion prevailed.

### **RESOLUTION LYING OVER**

**House Joint Resolution No. 766** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Korean American Association of Clarksville, New Year's Day celebration.

On motion of Senator Powers, the rules were suspended for the immediate consideration of the resolution.

On motion, **House Joint Resolution No. 766** was concurred in.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR NO. 1**

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 762** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Haylee Ferguson, Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 766** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Fresh and Richfresh.

**Senate Resolution No. 93** -- Memorials, Death -- Ruth Sharp.

**Senate Resolution No. 94** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Pastor J. L. Payne.

**House Joint Resolution No. 733** -- Memorials, Recognition -- Rev. Dr. Harold A. Middlebrook, Sr.

**House Joint Resolution No. 734** -- Memorials, Sports -- Tennessee Titans.

**House Joint Resolution No. 735** -- Memorials, Sports -- Derrick Henry.

**House Joint Resolution No. 736** -- Memorials, Personal Occasion -- Jerry and Peggy Claiborne, 50th wedding anniversary.

**House Joint Resolution No. 737** -- Memorials, Personal Occasion -- Amon Kendall, 90th birthday.

**House Joint Resolution No. 738** -- Memorials, Personal Occasion -- Lawrence Dyer, 102nd birthday.

**House Joint Resolution No. 739** -- Memorials, Death -- Judge Paul Alan Crouch.

**House Joint Resolution No. 740** -- Memorials, Death -- Johnny Wayne Hesson.

Senator Jackson moved that all Senate Joint Resolutions and Senate Resolutions be adopted; and all House Joint Resolutions be concurred in, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes . . . . .	32
Noes . . . . .	0

Senators voting aye were: Akbari, Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Gilmore, Gresham, Haile, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Pody, Powers, Reeves, Roberts, Rose, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Watson, White, Yager, Yarbro and Mr. Speaker McNally--32.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR NO. 2**

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 680** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Dr. Valencia May, Board of Trustees of Austin Peay State University.

Senator Powers declared Rule 13 on **Senate Joint Resolution No. 680**.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 682** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Billy P. Atkins, Board of Trustees of Austin Peay State University.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 684** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Dr. Deborah A. Cole, Board of Trustees of Tennessee State University.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 685** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Andre Johnson, Board of Trustees of Tennessee State University.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 689** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Brad Box, University of Tennessee Board of Trustees.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 690** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Kelly Wolfe, Board of Trustees of East Tennessee State University.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 691** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Dorothy Grisham, Board of Trustees of East Tennessee State University.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 692** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Dr. Linda Latimer, Board of Trustees of East Tennessee State University.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 695** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Douglas Edwards, Board of Trustees of University of Memphis.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 696** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Fred Lowery, Board of Trustees of Tennessee Technological University.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 698** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Rhedona Rose, Board of Trustees of Tennessee Technological University.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 699** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Teresa Vanhooser, Board of Trustees of Tennessee Technological University.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 700** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Thomas R. Boyd, Board of Trustees of Middle Tennessee State University.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 701** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Pamela J. Wright, Board of Trustees of Middle Tennessee State University.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 702** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- J.B. Baker, Board of Trustees of Middle Tennessee State University.

**Senate Resolution No. 88** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Mark Gill, Board of Regents.

**Senate Resolution No. 89** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Weston Wamp, Board of Regents.

**Senate Resolution No. 90** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Danni B. Varlan, Board of Regents.

**Senate Resolution No. 91** -- General Assembly, Confirmation of Appointment -- Miles Burdine, Board of Regents.

**Senate Bill No. 1552** -- State Symbols -- As introduced, designates "The Volunteer State" as the official nickname of this state. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3.

**Senate Bill No. 1586** -- Statutes and Codification -- As introduced, codifies the Acts of the 2019 regular session.

**Senate Bill No. 1597** -- Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration -- As introduced, authorizes, upon request, the department of revenue to issue salvage certificates to an insurance company or a salvage pool operator under certain circumstances. Amends TCA Title 55.

Senator Jackson moved that all Senate Joint Resolutions and Senate Resolutions be adopted; and all Senate Bills and House Bills be passed on third and final consideration, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes . . . . . 29  
Noes . . . . . 0



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Senators voting aye were: Akbari, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Gilmore, Gresham, Haile, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Pody, Powers, Reeves, Roberts, Rose, Stevens, Swann, Watson, White, Yager, Yarbrow and Mr. Speaker McNally--29.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

### **CALENDAR**

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 648** -- Constitutional Amendments -- Proposes adding a provision establishing right to work regardless of status of affiliation with any labor union or employee organization.

Senator Kelsey moved that the Clerk read the resolution, which motion prevailed.

The Clerk read the resolution.

Thereupon, Mr. Speaker McNally declared pursuant to Article XI, Section 3, **Senate Joint Resolution No. 648** had been read, for the first time.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 757** -- Memorials, Death -- Sue K. Atchley.

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 757** was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes .....	32
Noes .....	0

Senators voting aye were: Akbari, Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Dickerson, Gardenhire, Gilmore, Gresham, Haile, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Pody, Powers, Reeves, Roberts, Rose, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Watson, White, Yager, Yarbrow and Mr. Speaker McNally--32.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

### **MOTION**

Senator Johnson moved the Proposed Schedule for the week of February 10, 2020, be adopted and made the action of the Senate, which motion prevailed.

### **TENNESSEE STATE SENATE 111TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

**4:30 P.M.      SESSION – SENATE CHAMBER**

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

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8:30 a.m. Finance, Ways & Means Committee  
(Immediately following Revenue Subcommittee)  
10:30 a.m. State & Local Government Committee  
12:30 p.m. Lunch  
1:00 p.m. Commerce & Labor Committee  
3:00 p.m. Judiciary Committee

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020**

8:30 a.m. Government Operations Committee  
9:30 a.m. Transportation & Safety Committee  
10:30 a.m. Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee  
12:00 p.m. Lunch  
12:30 p.m. Health & Welfare Committee  
2:30 p.m. Education Committee

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

**8:30 A.M. SESSION – SENATE CHAMBER**

**OTHER MEETINGS:**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

Council on Pensions & Insurance, at 1 p.m. in House Hearing Room III

**NOTE:**

**ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020, THE SENATE WILL OBSERVE THE PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY.**

**RECESS**

Senator Johnson moved, pursuant to **Senate Joint Resolution No. 779**, the Senate recess and repair to the House Chamber to meet with the House of Representatives in Joint Convention for the purpose of hearing the Governor's State of the State Address; and further moved at the conclusion of the Joint Convention the Senate adjourn until 8:30 a.m., Thursday, February 6, 2020, which motion prevailed.

**IN JOINT CONVENTION  
MESSAGE OF GOVERNOR**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. President McNally called the Joint Convention to order pursuant to **Senate Joint Resolution No. 779**.

Mr. President McNally relinquished the gavel to Mr. Speaker Sexton, as President. Mr. President Sexton relinquished the gavel to Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore Dunn, as President.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. President Dunn declared that a quorum was present.

On motion of Senator Johnson, the roll call of the Senate was dispensed with.

On motion of Representative Lamberth, the roll call of the House was dispensed with.

Mr. Russell Humphrey, Chief Clerk of the Senate, read **Senate Joint Resolution No. 779**, authorizing the Joint Convention to hear the Message of Governor Bill Lee.

**MOTION**

Senator Johnson moved that Mr. President Dunn appoint a committee composed of five members from the Senate and five members from the House of Representatives to notify the Governor the Joint Convention was in session and awaiting his arrival, which motion prevailed.

**APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE**

Mr. President Dunn appointed a committee composed of Senators Lundberg, Kyle, Powers, Reeves and Swann; and Representatives Hazlewood, Weaver, Rudder, Helton and Lamar. Senator Lundberg served as Chairman of this committee.

**RECESS**

On motion, the Joint Convention recessed pending the arrival of the Governor.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. President Dunn called the Joint Convention to order.

Mr. President Dunn declared a quorum was present.

On motion, the roll calls of the Senate and House of Representatives were dispensed with.

The Honorable Bill Lee, Governor, appeared at the Bar of the House Chamber and was escorted to the Speaker's Podium.

Mr. President Dunn presented the Honorable Bill Lee, who delivered the following address:

**STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS**

Governor Bill Lee  
February 3, 2020

Thank you very much.

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Lieutenant Governor McNally, Speaker Sexton, Speaker Pro Tem Haile, Speaker Pro Tem Dunn, Members of the 111th General Assembly, Justices, Constitutional Officers, fellow Tennesseans:

It is an honor to once again be with you this evening.

Before I begin, Speaker Sexton, let me offer special congratulations to you on your election as Speaker.

I am looking forward to working with you during this session and in the years ahead as we make our state a leader in the nation.

Last year, I stood at this podium, newly inaugurated as the 50th Governor of Tennessee.

It has been a rewarding year, far more rewarding than I could have ever imagined.

To serve Tennesseans, to help make their lives better, to help give them a better education, to help recruit and create good jobs, and to help make our state a leader in the nation, it has been a humbling and truly honorable experience.

To serve with you, the men and women of the General Assembly, has been a tremendous honor as well.

Thank you for your support during my first year, it means an awful lot to Maria and to me.

With all of the noise in our nation these days, whether it comes from Washington, or New York, or Hollywood, I can't help but look across this room in Tennessee and be inspired.

Inspired by every man and woman in this chamber who sacrifices much and who is dedicated to their beliefs and to the service of their neighbors.

Thank you for what you do, and I look forward to working alongside each of you this session and in the years ahead.

Our state also has another dedicated servant here in this room tonight – our First Lady Maria Lee.

She has been advocating tirelessly in the past year, launching her Tennessee Serves initiative and encouraging her fellow Tennesseans to join her in serving our neighbors.

She's hit the ground running, and Tennesseans have gotten to see what I've known for a long time.

Maria, I love you, and Tennessee is fortunate to have you as our First Lady.

My family is here, and I'm especially glad to have my mother, Ann Lee, here tonight as well.

Thank you for being here.

As I begin tonight, I'd also like to thank my cabinet and my staff.

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I am proud of you all and the high level of expertise and dedication that you lend to the people of Tennessee each day.

Thank you for your hard work - keep it going - Tennessee is counting on you.

Serving as your governor over the past year, I have seen a lot of good that we can be proud of.

In 2019, we were for the first time named the number one best fiscally managed state in the country.

We've been named as the best business climate in the country.

We're number one in the U.S. for advanced industry job growth and the best state for small business growth.

In the past year, this state has garnered 108 project commitments to create 16,500 jobs and \$3.6 billion of capital investment in Tennessee.

And while we still have more work to do on rural economic development, I'm also proud that more than half of these projects have been announced in rural counties.

This year, Mitsubishi, FedEx-Logistics, JNJ, Pilot.com, Hyosung, Amazon, Smile Direct, Icee, and dozens of other companies made expansions in or relocations to Tennessee.

We are the envy of many states.

We're not just being noticed by our fellow southern states – we're gaining recognition from all across the country.

Over the last year, I visited every county in our state for the third time, and in every place I went, I saw Tennesseans working to make our state better.

Tonight, we gather to celebrate the state of our state and discuss ways to continue our momentum, but you and I know the successes we enjoy belong to the 6.8 million hard-working Tennesseans who sent us here.

We work for the people of Tennessee, and when you get back to your districts this weekend, you can tell your bosses, the people, this: I've seen it with my own eyes, the state of our state is healthy and strong. So, let's work together to keep it that way.

I'm proud of what we accomplished together in our first year, and I'm excited about what's to come.

In education, we made kids in our schools safer when we invested \$30 million new dollars to support school safety and resource officers.

As you know, we launched two major school choice initiatives this year as well.

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Our first independent charter school authorizer will ensure quality oversight and accountability for our state's public charter schools.

We created the Tennessee Education Savings Account Program, which will serve low-income students in districts with the highest number of low-performing schools.

Disruption is hard and sometimes controversial.

But we cannot expect extraordinarily different outcomes without extraordinarily different inputs, so I'm proud of these initiatives, and I look forward to their success.

That said, the vast majority of our students are educated in traditional public schools, and the majority of our efforts must remain focused there.

Through my travels this year, I've been in dozens of schools from one end of Tennessee to the other.

I always learn something when I visit with students. But, when I visit with teachers, I'm inspired.

In this building, we work hard to develop student-centered education policies, but out there in the classrooms is where it happens.

We make it law, but teachers make it happen.

No teacher I know does it only for the money, but you and I know a worker is worthy of their pay.

Teaching is a calling.

We know it is passion that brings teachers to the classroom, but we also know our teachers deserve to be paid more for the important work they do.

Last year, I proposed, and you approved, more than \$70 million to support increases in teacher salaries.

This year, I'm proposing the largest investment in K-12 teacher salaries in Tennessee history.

My budget sets aside \$117 million additional dollars for teachers, an amount equal to a 4% increase in the state's contribution to teacher salaries.

We must also work harder to make teaching a more attractive profession for young people.

We know our new teacher numbers are dropping.

As our economy becomes more competitive for jobs, investing in workforce development must include developing the next generation of educators.



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Over the next two years, we will recommend moving the minimum salary schedule for teachers from \$36,000 to \$40,000, so that no Tennessee teacher is making less than \$40,000 per year.

This change to the salary schedule will reward teachers across the state while also making the teaching profession even more appealing to young people considering the high call of becoming an educator.

This year, we'll apply to create an AP education teaching course and launch a new series of grants to support district "Grow-Your-Own" programs that support the development of a future teacher as early as high school.

We're also taking the "Grow-Your-Own" concept one step further.

My budget includes \$8.5 million to support the launch of the Governor's Teaching Fellowship, an initiative that will, in conjunction with Tennessee Promise, provide a college scholarship for over 1,000 of our best and brightest as they train to become teachers.

One of the reasons we're making these investments is because, when it comes to educating our children, there may be nothing more important than recruiting, retaining, and training the best teachers in America in Tennessee.

To our higher education leaders, I want to say thank you for the work you've put in these last several years to improve how we train the next generation of teachers.

But we cannot afford to rest on our laurels.

That's why our Department of Education will be working much more closely with our schools of education, to ensure that our approach to training teachers is the best in the nation.

In that spirit, I'm excited to announce a first of its kind competition to develop the best teacher preparation program in the world, right here in Tennessee.

The Tennessee Teacher and Leader Institute will solicit proposals from across the country to help launch a new initiative that will build the best educator preparation program in the nation.

Make no mistake: we will do whatever it takes to make Tennessee the best state in America to be a student, and that means making Tennessee the best state in America to be a teacher.

That means better pay, as we've said, but it also means better training and professional support, so that our teachers can perform at the top of their trade.

We're investing \$4 million to support professional development opportunities for school leaders and innovative career advancement opportunities for our best-performing teachers.

One thing we hear from those teachers, is that many students arrive at school with a host of personal and family issues that classroom teachers don't have the bandwidth to handle.

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It creates a nightmare decision for the teacher - when a student is struggling, they can either stop the learning process for everyone else in the classroom to help the one student or ignore that student's needs.

Indeed, our mental health challenges in schools are not just anecdotal.

The data supports our concerns.

One in five children has a mental health diagnosis in a given year, and over 60% of children who receive mental health services do so in schools.

The youth suicide rate increased 56% in last decade, making it the second leading cause of death of young people age 10-24.

Scores of teachers and principals, as well as our education commissioner, have pleaded for reinforcements from the state to help schools tackle the mental health and other challenges that students bring with them into the classroom.

Tonight, that help is on the way.

First, we're expanding the outreach capacity of our Department of Mental Health, growing our school-based behavioral health liaison program from 36 counties to all 95 counties.

Second, I'm proposing the creation of a new reserve: a K-12 Mental Health Trust Fund of \$250 million in one-time funds to support the growth and placement of mental health support services in our most-at-risk schools.

We will seek private donations to grow the fund over time and use the earnings to make investments for years to come.

It is our expectation that Tennessee will lead the nation in bringing mental health support to our teachers and to our students, and we're very proud of that.

In previous years, we've led the nation in other respects, particularly in student growth on our NAEP scores.

That achievement is due to the hard work of many in this room, as well as leaders who've come before us, and our hard-working teachers.

Right now, our biggest academic challenge for our students is literacy.

Currently, only one-third of our third graders are reading on grade level.

Years later, this leads to nearly three out of four students who cannot read their high school level textbooks on the first day of school.

Literacy is the foundation for a student's educational journey.

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And if we can't get early childhood literacy back on track, all of our other investments and work in education will be limited.

This year, I'm recommending a new, comprehensive approach to literacy.

I'm introducing legislation to establish new, clearer standards for the training of new teachers and the development of current teachers, grounded in the evidence and science of reading, with proven methods like phonics-based instruction.

We will ensure adequate supports and interventions for students before they reach the critical third-grade milestone.

But moving the needle on early childhood literacy requires more than talk - that's why I'm also proposing an additional investment of \$70 million to make sure teachers have what they need to accomplish the task at hand.

It's a partnership with districts that will include improved materials, ongoing professional development, and high-quality instructional tools for teachers in the classroom.

Fully funding BEP growth, 4% teacher raises, the Tennessee Teacher and Leader Institute, record investments in teacher recruitment, professional development, literacy training, and the K-12 Mental Health Trust Fund, our total new dollars invested in the future of public education in the coming fiscal year will equal more than \$600 million.

So, when you're back home in your districts this year, if someone tells you we're not supporting public education, they're not telling the truth.

We're making these changes and these investments because we want our public schools to be excellent.

But, how will we know if we're succeeding?

On one hand, Tennessee moved up nine places on the NAEP in our best-performing area of math, and we avoided the national trend of backsliding on past gains.

On the other hand, the true measure of a successful education system is a cohort of high school graduates who are well-prepared to be productive citizens, whether they choose a career or college.

To me, education isn't just about a test score.

Assessments are valuable tools, but if the adults in education are doing their job correctly, they won't just see academic statistics improve, they'll see the most important stat of all improve:

That our students are prepared to become productive members of society, whether that's entering the workforce, attending college, or earning a high-quality industry credential.

This past year, we've placed special emphasis on career readiness.

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I'm proud of the GIVE Act that this legislature approved last year, which allowed us to grant \$25 million to schools across our state who are helping young adults earn industry certification earlier than ever before.

This year, we launched 28 new work-based learning programs, 18 of which are in rural distressed counties.

Some of my favorite days as governor have been traveling to this state's rural counties to deliver a GIVE Grant to launch a new CTE program.

As I stand in a welding shop, I get to look into the eyes of students who, maybe for the first time, are excited about what they are doing at school.

I look at them and say, "You have a unique ability to connect your brain to your hands that a lot of students don't have."

I tell them, "We need you. We need your skills. Your communities need you."

And I say to them, "Stay in your rural county, and build it. Put those gifts and skills to work in your own backyard. We need you."

I'm also proud of the Future Workforce Initiative, which is adding 100 new middle school STEM programs by 2022 and tripling the number of STEM-designated schools.

Through this work, we've seen a 100% increase in the number of schools applying to receive STEM-designation.

I'm also proud of our Department of Labor and Workforce Development, who in partnership with the Trump Administration has launched new investments in youth apprenticeships.

Our workforce cabinet members have done a great job this year.

For the first time, state agencies who are involved in workforce development are beginning to pull in the same direction, and their work is already paying off.

The first outcome of that work will be next week's launch of ApprenticeshipTN, a new effort that will realign our approach to getting individuals back into the workforce.

For those who do take advantage of our state's excellent higher education system, we want to make sure that high-quality facilities and standards await them to give them the best possible chance of success.

Last week, the Higher Education Commission released an update to our state's five-year Master Plan, shifting the focus from degrees to jobs.

We're moving forward with bold new goals such as increasing by 10% the number of dual enrollment students and increasing by 20% the number of Tennessee degrees in computer science and data analytics.

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In addition to large investments in our salary pool and our outcomes-based funding formula, I've set aside nearly \$160 million for capital improvements and \$70 million for capital maintenance projects on our college campuses.

For the time being, we must continue to produce highly skilled workers as fast as we can on whatever track, so that we can keep feeding the tremendous job growth that we've seen across Tennessee.

This year, I met with CEOs and business leaders in Silicon Valley, South Korea, and many places in between who are looking to invest in Tennessee because of the low-tax, conservative approach to government we've developed.

As I mentioned, more than 16,000 jobs have been created across Tennessee over the last year, but too few of them have been in our distressed and at-risk counties.

That's why I've instructed the Department of Economic and Community Development to raise the stakes when it comes to recruiting industry to rural areas.

I've directed ECD to restructure our incentive package to companies considering locating in our 15 distressed counties and 24 at-risk counties.

Speaking of our 15 distressed counties, with us tonight are the mayors from those counties.

Please stand and be recognized - I'm proud you're here.

For the last several years, our strong economy has been feeding a very healthy budget, and the leaders in this room should be commended for their good stewardship.

Conservative principles work, and as I enter my second year as governor, I pledge to you to continue to lead our state in the direction of conservative fiscal management.

As you know, I asked each of our departments for a 1% budget cut last year, and they responded with cuts totaling 1.7% - \$91 million trimmed from our state budget.

A few months ago, I traveled to New York with our constitutional officers and Speaker Sexton to meet with bond rating agencies, sharing our story of fiscal responsibility and consistent results.

They rewarded our collective effort once again with a Triple-A bond rating from all three rating agencies, one of only 13 states to achieve this.

Indeed, our economy is strong, and a rising tide lifts all boats.

It's only fair that when the state is fiscally healthy, some of that money be returned to the taxpayer.

Tonight, I am announcing a proposal to cut the professional privilege tax in half and return \$40 million to individuals and small business owners who every year pay this arbitrary and unfair tax.

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Indeed, the state is seeing strong economic times, but many of our local governments are struggling financially, and we certainly don't want to see any local tax increases.

In many of the counties I have visited throughout the past year, community leaders almost always tell me about projects or initiatives that could transform their counties, if only they could find funding.

And certainly, on many issues, local government knows better than we do how to direct resources.

For that reason, my budget proposal recommends \$100 million for local government grants to be divided among every county and every municipality across our state.

This money can be used for one-time expenses such as road projects, I.T. upgrades, capital maintenance, utility system upgrades, and public safety projects.

Last year, we made the largest single contribution in our state's history to our Rainy-Day Fund, bringing the total to \$1.1 billion.

Very few states have minimal debt and a growing Rainy-Day Fund, and this year we propose making an additional \$50 million contribution, which is 20% more than the statutory requirement.

Even as we save for a rainy day in Nashville, we know that not all parts of our state are seeing the same successes.

You might have heard that rural Tennessee is a priority of mine.

My first executive order focused the attention of state government on rural areas, and later I gathered my cabinet in Perry County for the first-ever Governor's Rural Opportunity Summit where we met with leaders from each of our distressed counties.

We invested \$20 million in my first budget for broadband expansion to increase services in rural areas that need it most, and this year I am pleased to recommend an additional \$25 million investment.

Maria, maybe this will be the year we finally get broadband on the farm.

I'm also recommending \$20 million for ECD's Rural Opportunity Fund, which supports site development, main-street development, and critical infrastructure assistance.

We expanded an incentive program in Tennessee medical schools that will grow the pipeline of primary care doctors locating in rural communities.

This year, we plan to do even more for rural Tennessee.

We're adding more than \$4 million for payment increases to rural health clinics and expanding rural access to dental care through the Department of Health and a new public-private partnership with SmileTN.



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We're adding \$7 million to the Ag Enhancement program and an additional \$2 million for UT Extension Agents in distressed rural counties.

The Department of Tourism has created an Office of Rural Tourism, and we've set aside nearly \$2.4 million for their efforts to draw attention to beautiful parts of Tennessee that are off the beaten path.

We're making these investments because, as our state's elected leaders, we must remain aware of serving every part and every person of our state.

That's why I've made criminal justice reform such a large priority, because every person in Tennessee wants and deserves to live in a safe neighborhood.

When properly implemented, criminal justice reforms save taxpayer dollars, shrink the size of government, properly punish wrongdoers, and make our communities safer.

Last year, we gave correctional officers a long-overdue pay raise to make Tennessee more competitive with other states.

We added basic education and CTE options for inmates on a path to reentry so they would be better prepared for life on the outside.

This legislature passed each of our proposals last year, and I'm proud to bring to you another set of proposals this year.

First and foremost, we must be tough on crime.

Last year, we cracked down on fentanyl traffickers, and this year I propose increasing the criminal penalties associated with theft of a firearm and increasing the criminal penalties associated with reckless endangerment of a police officer or first responder.

But 95% of incarcerated individuals are not serving a life sentence, which means one day they will leave prison and return to a community near you.

It's in the best interest of your family and community that those individuals be prepared to make that reentry successfully, instead of returning to a life of crime.

My Criminal Justice Investment Task Force recently issued 23 recommendations on how we can improve in these areas, and I would like to thank the eight legislators and many other Tennesseans who have given their time and energy to developing thoughtful recommendations.

This year, based on those recommendations, I plan to propose legislation that will improve our probation and parole systems.

First, we want to expand our recovery courts so that veterans and those struggling with addiction or mental health challenges will have access to specialized supervision.

Second, we want to improve our use of community supervision, including at the end of a prison sentence.

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Nearly 40% of those leaving our prisons do so with no oversight, and all too often those individuals are the ones who need it most.

Third, we want to encourage those leaving prison to secure employment by revising the occupational licensing process and encouraging employers to hire the formerly incarcerated.

By drawing upon evidence-based best practices, we are confident that outcomes for those on community supervision will improve, and our communities will be safer.

We need to be sure that these individuals are prepared to re-enter society and not re-enter prison.

Another way we're preparing individuals to leave prison is through the recently created Volunteer Mentorship Initiative.

We launched in the Fall, and already more than two dozen inmates have been matched with legislators and members of my staff to begin thinking about what life looks like at the end of their prison sentence.

Our second round of mentors have just been matched, and they will be doing their orientation in the next few weeks.

Even more exciting, hundreds of Tennesseans have reached out to express interest in becoming mentors, and we will be including them in this process very soon.

And by the way, if you're interested in serving as a mentor, you can sign up on my website.

I'd like to talk about one other public safety budget item we're proposing.

For many Tennesseans, the only interaction they have with their government is the Driver Services Division at the Department of Safety.

Tennesseans deserve to have great interactions with our state government, and I have asked our Department of Safety to take steps to improve experiences at our Drivers Service Centers.

I am proposing 80 additional positions and funding to assist in decreasing wait times for our customers as they answer the federal mandate to obtain a REAL ID.

Another issue that impacts every person in this state is health care.

Last year, we added \$3.5 million to the Health Care Safety Net to help provide direct care to uninsured adults.

This year, I'm proposing an additional \$6.5 million recurring to this program.

The resulting \$17 million in total annual funding would be the highest of any year since the program was created in 2005.

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We're also setting aside more than \$7.5 million to create a Children's Behavioral Health Safety Net.

This initiative will work to ensure that no child in need of critical behavioral health services is unable to access them.

Solving our health care challenges requires more than just increased funding - we have to be innovative and thoughtful as well.

With the encouragement of this legislature, I'm proud that Tennessee was the first state in America to apply for a Medicaid block grant from the federal government.

Tennessee runs the most efficient Medicaid system in the country, and the result is that we are one of only a few states who underspend the federal government's estimate for what it should cost to cover our population.

Our proposal to the federal government is that we get to share those savings and spend them to cover more services and more people.

While we do not yet know whether this proposal will be accepted, I am confident that what we've proposed would be a good deal for Tennesseans and that no Tennessean would be worse off if it is approved.

Under the proposed budget, my Administration will fund the third year of the Rural Hospital Transformation Program.

And this time next year, we'll be in a position to consider recommendations from the Health Care Modernization Task Force.

Throughout this past year, Commissioner McWhorter held multiple listening sessions across the state to better understand the concerns and priorities of patients, providers, and payers.

Building on that foundation, they are moving ahead to find innovative working solutions on how our state can better provide access to quality health care that all Tennesseans can afford.

Why is it we would make these investments in education, criminal justice, and health care?

Because each of these items help us build what we're really going after: free and thriving citizens within healthy families and communities.

I'm proud that under our proposal Tennessee would become the first state in America to offer 12 weeks of paid family leave to eligible state employees who experience a significant life event.

I'm proud of our state workers and offering them this benefit will help us continue to retain the best and brightest and help those who help our state.

This budget also proposes changes to our TennCare program that will benefit young families.

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We know infant mortality and maternal health are challenges for our state.

One in two Tennessee births are covered through our Medicaid program.

That's why we're proposing two new initiatives to expand prenatal and postpartum coverage for our TennCare recipients.

First, we are launching a three-year pilot to extend postpartum coverage to 12 months for mothers covered by TennCare.

We're also expanding preventive dental services to mothers on TennCare.

My proposal would provide a dental and oral health benefit to pregnant women who do not currently receive dental benefits during the time of pregnancy through 60 days post-delivery.

This will support improved health outcomes for both mother and child.

For me, one of the most important things we can do to be pro-family is to protect the rights of the most vulnerable in our state, and there is none more vulnerable than the unborn.

I've proposed legislation that would defend and protect the life of an unborn baby from the time their heartbeat can be detected.

I want to share a personal story that has strengthened my resolve in this very important subject.

A few months ago, my son and his wife had identical twin baby girls, delivered months before they were due, at a time when most babies their size would still be in their mother's womb.

When I walked into the neonatal intensive care unit, I stared in wonder at a 1lb 5oz baby girl with tubes and cords and monitors, fighting for her life.

As I watched little Annie, I was reminded once again that every life is precious.

Every life is precious, and we will support pro-life policy in this state because everything precious is worth protecting.

My first year as governor has been the most enlightening of my life.

At my age, I thought I'd seen it all, but this job provides a new perspective on our state, its people, and our common challenges.

I've been to every county in this state at least three times now.

I've seen a lot - some days my heart swells, glad to see a community thriving or a program working.

Other days my heart breaks, frustrated with the failures of an imperfect system and wishing we could do more.

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But if I could say one thing to my fellow Tennesseans as I enter my second year as governor, it would be this: I see you.

To the farmer standing in a flooded field, looking over a ruined crop in West Tennessee - I see you.

To the single mom taking night classes at a TCAT, trying to give your family a new opportunity - I see you.

To the young girl with great potential and even greater dreams, stuck in a school that doesn't meet your needs - I see you.

For the police officer putting your life on the line and the crime victim who has been harmed by a broken justice system - I see you.

To these and the rest of the 6.8 million Tennesseans; you don't expect government to solve all your problems, but you do expect to get what you pay for - I see you.

We see you.

And we will keep striving to bring good jobs, good schools, and safe neighborhoods to every corner of this state, because that's what you elected us to do, and that's what you deserve.

As we conclude tonight, let's be reminded that the walls around us are the walls of history.

Remarkable men and women have accomplished much in this very building.

In fact, one of the most important decisions in the fabric of our nation was resolved 100 years ago right here.

On August 18, 1920, the Tennessee General Assembly voted to approve the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which enshrined for women the constitutional right to vote.

Even then, 100 years ago, Tennessee was leading the nation, casting the deciding vote in that revolutionary decision.

In this very chamber, the course of American history was changed.

I mentioned earlier that much of our success is owed to those who came before us.

Many of those trailblazers are women.

Our state and country have thrived in great part due to the pivotal role played by women in society and in government.

Can you believe that was only 100 years ago?

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History is funny that way - what seems inevitable now would have seemed far from it to those engaged in the day to day struggle for suffrage.

One hundred years later, certainly, our struggles are different.

But as we celebrate the centennial of Tennessee's role in ratifying the 19th Amendment this year, what I hope we remember is this: the long arc of history remembers fondly when leaders do the right thing, especially when it's hard, especially when the politics of the day don't offer any rewards.

And my hope is that history records that we were leaders who worked together, who stood firm in our individual convictions but who remembered that differences should not divide us.

Rather, they challenge us to take the higher, harder road of understanding, respect, and common purpose.

God has given us great favor and blessed us with a great responsibility to affect positive change for our families, our communities, and our state.

May we pursue the challenges before us with grace, humility, and courage.

Some 6.8 million Tennesseans are counting on us to do just that.

Let's make them proud.

Thank you, and God bless the great state of Tennessee.

#### **MR. PRESIDENT DUNN RELINQUISHES THE CHAIR**

Mr. President Dunn relinquished the Chair to Mr. Speaker Sexton as President.

#### **DISSOLUTION OF JOINT CONVENTION**

Mr. President Sexton declared the purpose for which this Joint Convention was called having been accomplished, the Joint Convention stood dissolved.

#### **MOTION**

On motion of Senator Akbari, her name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 69; Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 684, 685, 691 and 699.**

On motion of Senator Swann, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 689.**

On motion of Senator White, her name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 909.**

On motion of Senator Powers, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bill Nos. 1552 and 1597.**

On motion of Senator Crowe, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 1945.**

On motion of Senator White, her name was added as prime sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 2014**.

On motion of Senator Johnson, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 2089**.

On motion of Senators Briggs and Lundberg, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Joint Resolution No. 648**.

On motion of Senators Akbari and Powers, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 680 and 682**.

On motion of Senators Akbari, Jackson, Rose and Stevens, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Joint Resolution No. 689**.

On motion of Senators Akbari and Lundberg, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 690 and 692**.

On motion of Senators Akbari and Rose, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Joint Resolution No. 695**.

On motion of Senators Akbari, Hensley, Rose and Stevens, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Joint Resolution No. 698**.

On motion of Senators Akbari, Reeves and White, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 700, 701 and 702**.

On motion of Senator Massey, her name was added as sponsor of **Senate Joint Resolution No. 738; and Senate Resolution No. 90**.

On motion of Senators Gardenhire, Watson and Yager, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Resolution No. 89**.

On motion of Senators Lundberg and Watson, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Resolution No. 91**.

On motion of Senator Yager, his name was added as sponsor of **House Joint Resolutions Nos. 732 and 739**.

On motion of Senators Massey, Mr. Speaker McNally and Senators Briggs and Akbari, their names were added as sponsors of **House Joint Resolution No. 733**.

On motion of Senators Gilmore, Yarbrow, Dickerson, Haile, Akbari, Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Gardenhire, Gresham, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Pody, Powers, Reeves, Roberts, Rose, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Watson, White, Yager and Mr. Speaker McNally, their names were added as sponsors of **House Joint Resolution No. 734**.

On motion of Senators Akbari, Gilmore and Yarbrow, their names were added as sponsors of **House Joint Resolution No. 735**.

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On motion of Senators Pody and Yager, their names were added as sponsors of **House Joint Resolutions Nos. 736, 737, 738 and 740.**

**ENGROSSED BILLS**

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MR. SPEAKER: Your Deputy Chief Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully examined: Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 680, 682, 684, 685, 689, 690, 691, 692, 695, 696, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 757, 762 and 766; and find same correctly engrossed and ready for transmission to the House.

ALAN WHITTINGTON  
Deputy Chief Clerk

**ENGROSSED BILLS**

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MR. SPEAKER: Your Deputy Chief Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully examined: Senate Bills Nos. 1552, 1586 and 1597; and find same correctly engrossed and ready for transmission to the House.

ALAN WHITTINGTON  
Deputy Chief Clerk

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

February 4, 2020

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Joint Resolutions Nos. 782, 783, 784 and 785; adopted, for the Senate's action.

TAMMY LETZLER  
Chief Clerk

**ENROLLED BILLS**

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MR. SPEAKER: Your Deputy Chief Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully compared Senate Resolutions Nos. 88, 89, 90, 91, 93 and 94; and find same correctly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the Speakers.

ALAN WHITTINGTON  
Deputy Chief Clerk

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

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MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Joint Resolution No. 702; for the signature of the Speaker.



TAMMY LETZLER  
Chief Clerk

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

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MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Joint Resolution No. 766; for the signature of the Speaker.

TAMMY LETZLER  
Chief Clerk

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

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MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Bill No. 874; for the signature of the Speaker.

TAMMY LETZLER  
Chief Clerk

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

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MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Joint Resolutions Nos. 703, 704, 705, 706, 708, 709, 728, 729, 730 and 731; for the signature of the Speaker.

TAMMY LETZLER  
Chief Clerk

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

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MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Joint Resolutions Nos. 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739 and 740; for the signature of the Speaker.

TAMMY LETZLER  
Chief Clerk

**SIGNED**

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The Speaker announced that he had signed the following: House Joint Resolution No. 766.

**SIGNED**

February 4, 2020

The Speaker announced that he had signed the following: House Joint Resolutions Nos. 703, 704, 705, 706, 708, 709, 728, 729, 730 and 731.

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**SIGNED**

February 4, 2020

The Speaker announced that he had signed the following: House Joint Resolutions Nos. 733, 753, 754, 755, 758, 760, and 761.

**SIGNED**

February 4, 2020

The Speaker announced that he had signed the following: Senate Resolutions Nos. 88, 89, 90, 91, 93 and 94.

**REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK**

February 3, 2020

MR. SPEAKER: Your Deputy Chief Clerk begs leave to report that we have transmitted to the Governor the following: Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730 and 731; for his action.

ALAN WHITTINGTON  
Deputy Chief Clerk

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

February 3, 2020

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Governor to return herewith: Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730 and 731; with his approval.

LANG WISEMAN,  
Deputy and Counsel to the Governor

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALENDAR  
CONSENT CALENDAR 1**

MR. SPEAKER: Your Committee on Calendar begs leave to report that we have met and set the following bills on the calendar for Thursday, February 6, 2020: Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 767, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830 and 831; House Joint Resolutions Nos. 742, 743, 745 and 746.

This the 4th day of February, 2020  
JACKSON, Chairperson

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALENDAR  
CONSENT CALENDAR 2**

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MR. SPEAKER: Your Committee on Calendar begs leave to report that we have met and set the following bills on the calendar for Thursday, February 6, 2020: Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 686, 687 and 688.

This the 4th day of February, 2020  
JACKSON, Chairperson

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALENDAR  
CONSENT CALENDAR 3**

MR. SPEAKER: Your Committee on Calendar begs leave to report that we have met and set the following bills on the calendar for Thursday, February 6, 2020: House Joint Resolutions Nos. 782, 783, 784 and 785.

This the 4th day of February, 2020  
JACKSON, Chairperson

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALENDAR**

MR. SPEAKER: Your Committee on Calendar begs leave to report that we have met and set the following bills on the calendar for Thursday, February 6, 2020: Senate Bill No. 453; Senate Joint Resolution No. 648; and Senate Joint Resolution No. 752.

This the 4th day of February, 2020  
JACKSON, Chairperson